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Meredith Kurpius to: MichaelA Flagg

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Michael,

Here is the site to check on MSA designations:

http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/stcbsa pg/stBased 200411 nov.htm

Inyo County is a Micropolitan Statistical Area but not a Metropolitan Statistical Area. At any rate, the population of Inyo County is only 17,000 so GB is correct that gaseous monitoring is not required in any of their counties.

I agree with your review of the plan and recommendations but would suggest a modification to your response letter. Rather than the language you used in your letter, which suggests that we don't approve the plan, we previously developed the following language:

We have reviewed the submitted document and have found that it meets the minimum requirements set forth under 40 CFR Part 58.10. The comments enclosed with this letter identify several areas in the Plan where additional information is requested in order to complete the document and fully satisfy the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58.10. Rather than attempt to resolve these data gaps in this document, we request that XXX address the enclosed comments in next year's annual network plan which is due on July 1, 20XX.

Hope this helps.

-Meredith

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MichaelA Flagg Meredith, I have reviewed the Great Basin ANP... 11/13/2009 12:25:54 PM

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Meredith,

I have reviewed the Great Basin ANP and written up the letter and comments. They seem to have a pretty unique program and I have a few questions...

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Is their first submittal of a plan as a "PQAO" (i know this has not been finalized, but the plan notes they are in the process)?

They say that none of the three counties in the district meets the requirements of an MSA (They do not include population estimates in the plan), and are only required to monitor PM10 and 2.5 due to Non-Attainment.

Should they be monitoring for gaseous pollutants?

I have attached my letter. The plan is really basic and does not include large amounts of required information. If you could take a brief look at this an let me know what you think it would be a great help. (it should not take too long, the GB plan is around 20 pages...)

[attachment "GB MonPln09 - Draft Fnl 3.pdf" deleted by Meredith Kurpius/R9/USEPA/US] [attachment "2008 Great Basin Letter.doc" deleted by Meredith Kurpius/R9/USEPA/US]

Thanks!!

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